

The company were astonished at the smart answers made by our little moralists, whose capacities and genius seemed to command a situation far beyond what they were born to. The 'Squire was amazed when he found, that Amintor could read much better than his son, and Florella than his daughter. "I see, my dear, (said the 'Squire to his lady) that birth and fortune are but mere shadows, when compared to the gifts that nature has in her power. Hence we ought not to despise the children of the poor, since they may perhaps possess what riches cannot purchase."



IN the course of the conversation the 'Squire found that the little shepherds were the pupils of